

My name is Kory Mohr. My partners and I founded a fixed wireless Internet access service and are currently operating in Richmond, Va. with plans to expand to various rural areas throughout the State of Virginia.

I have a concern with paying a mandatory tax into the USF program unless I, and other Wireless Internet Service Providers (WISPs), are offered a fair shot at participating in the USF by requesting funds in addition to paying them.

The USF prefers to pay cash-heavy ILECs funds that would be used to allow them to offer their services to rural areas where they currently don't offer service. For many years, rural areas have been shadowed as their metropolitan area neighbors enjoyed broadband

Internet access. For just the past few years, WISPs have been successfully deploying their networks in rural areas and providing broadband-level services that makes the ILECs jealous and afraid. Perhaps this is the reason why many think WISPs should be forced to pay in to the USF.

Many WISPs are bootstrapping their operations and need all the capital they can obtain to ensure they stay in operation and keep providing excellent services to their customers.

Many ILECs don't have to worry about that because they might have several hundred million dollars in the bank. If they wish to serve our rural customers, let them spend their own money to do so!

After all, we are...

I urge you to assist us (the WISPs) in this matter for we are the ones who take servicing our rural neighbors very seriously.

Otherwise, we wouldn't be doing so in the first place.

Sincerely yours,
Kory Mohr